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Copies of the listed foreign document is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following document is listed on the accompanying PTO SB/08 and is in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Publication No. 11-242416 (1999)

An English translation of the non-English document is enclosed. Moreover, the relevance of the non-English document is also discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning at page 2, line 2.

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Respectfully submitted,

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